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LONDON SAIGON

First, in London - later in Saigon - peace rumors were filling the air today. The U S and South Vietnam -- said to have formulated an offer to end all offers.

This supposedly calling for: One - a complete U S withdrawal from ~~the~~ Vietnam; two, -- the resignation of South Vietnam's President Thieu; three - an end to ~~the~~ U S bombing of North Vietnam; and four - an end to the U S blockade of North Vietnam. In return for which -- North Vietnam would then release all U S prisoners, cease its infiltration of South Vietnam, and negotiate "seriously" toward ~~an~~ a cease fire. So we are told - anyway.

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So called "informed sources" adding that said plan will be set forth in Paris - some time prior to the U S presidential election. All of

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which - could be true and yet it's denied tonight -  
*denied*  
in Paris, Saigon, Hanoi, and Washington. Indeed,

the White House calling the peace story - "totally

speculative." Adding: "It doesn't merit a comment."

## **FIGHTING FOLLOW LONDON SAIGON**

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**Meanwhile, the fighting continues - with enemy troops stepping up their pressure on Saigon; today hitting seven hamlets - all within twenty miles of the capital; also, cutting highway thirteen - only seven miles from the city limits. This marking the first time ~~was~~ since Nineteen Sixty-Nine - that fighting has taken place so close to Saigon.**

## CHICAGO

On the campaign trail with <sup>Sen.</sup> ~~George~~

McGovern - an emotion packed session with black leaders in Chicago. The Democratic nominee accusing President Nixon of trying ~~now~~ to make amnesty and bussing - "the most important issues" of the current campaign. And this - said he - "the sheerest kind of demagoguery - the shabbiest kind of leadership;" an attempt - he continued - "to whip up fear, to whip up anxieties and hate instead of trying to "reconcile" and heal.

The Senator then setting forth his own philosophy saying: "America, I believe it can still be said - 'the spirit of the Lord God is upon you - he ~~was~~ hath annointed you to preach the ~~me~~ good news to the poor to bring up the broken hearted - to proclaim ~~liberty~~ liberty to them that are bound."

McGovern's remarks - drawing cries of

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right-on" and "preach on". And finally, a  
standing ovation - amid cries of "come ~~home~~  
~~home~~ home America, come home."



WASHINGTON

*Back in Washington - the general accounting office today completed an extensive investigation of Democratic campaign practices - referring to the Justice Department - three apparent violations of the new campaign spending law. The G A O also citing many instances of inadequate bookkeeping - which could require similar action - we are told, unless "properly resolved."*

**RICHMOND**

*For the second time in four months -  
flood conditions prevailed today over much of  
Central Virginia; the result of a heavy storm -  
sweeping up the East Coast; the rising waters -  
already claiming at least three lives. <sup>With</sup> ~~the~~ the  
~~surge~~ surging James River - expected to hit twenty-  
eight feet by the time it reaches Richmond.  
That's nineteen feet above flood level.*

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NORTHERN IRELAND

Here's

~~is~~ a reverse twist: - a Protestant ~~do~~ raid today across the border of northern Ireland - into the Irish Republic. Members of the militant Ulster defense association - seizing arms and explosives allegedly stock piled in an I R A strong hold. A spokesman adding that such raids will continue - until ~~the~~ Dublin ~~government itself~~ cracks down on I R A terrorists.



## SALT LAKE

At Salt Lake City - the one hundredth  
and forty-second ~~annual~~ <sup>general</sup> conference of the Mormon  
Church; <sup>today</sup> quickly confirming <sup>ed</sup> the election of Harold  
B. Lee -- as the Church's new President.

Harold Lee - the founder of a Mormon  
self-help welfare program during the depression;  
now becoming - at ~~age~~ age seventy-three -- the  
youngest Mormon President in four decades;  
succeeding the late Joseph Fielding Smith - who  
passed away last July at age ninety-five. *All*  
heads of the LDS church seem to be long lived.  
Certainly Harold Lee is a young 73!

COLUMBUS

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This next - from Columbus, Ohio;  
the story of Mrs. Mary Walters - age one hundred  
and four; announcing plans to vote this year -  
for the first time in her life.

Why not before? "Because" - says Mrs.  
Walters - "I didn't ~~then~~ think it was right for  
women to vote."

Mrs. Walters <sup>says her</sup> ~~said that he~~ choice for  
President will be Richard M. Nixon. And the main  
reason - said she -- "I got a lovely card from  
him on my birthday. He's a good man."

## CENTENARIANS

*I wonder how many centenarians there are in our broad land? Thousands, I hope. One of my listeners, Dr. George Owen of Tarrytown, New York, says his friend William M. Dickie of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, is celebrating his one hundredth, today. I am mentioning this not only because I want to salute Mr. Dickie on his one hundredth, but because sharing the date with him, today, October Sixth, is our son up in Alaska. So this gives me an excuse, Bill, to tell him his mother and I hope that he, too, will live to be a hundred.*

HOUSTON, TEXAS

*Houston, Texas. The bride - wore white,  
the groom wore tails - and Texas officials are now  
wearing red faces. Reason: The bride and groom  
-- were both men. And it would appear, according  
to Texas law - they are now ~~legally~~ legally man and  
wife - or whatever.*

*Oh, men! - oh women! - oh, make up  
your mind!*